

The WEEKLY

REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

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Well, we remain at four pages this week, due to both the one day national postal strike, and the Bank Holiday weekend. The combination of these has meant that very few letters have reached us in time for inclusion in this issue. Perhaps by next week, we might actually be able to resume normal operations. The postal strike has also caused small delays in the despatching of ordered goods, as well as Weekly Report, so please give an extra few days before calling us about non-arrival of any items.

This week has brought very little exciting news in the 'free radio world'. However, over on the legal scene, things are beginning to move with regard the expansion of choice for the listener. With many ILR stations now running separate services on both AM and FM (something which they should have done from the start, but the IBA in its wisdom, would not listen to anybody!), the BBC has not been idle, and has over the past couple of weeks, been testing three new high power transmitters for its new Radio One FM. (98.4 - Midlands / 98.6 - Central Scotland / 98.8 - Northern England). Each one has had its own test 'loop' tape in operation telling of all the Radio One programmes, and mentioning that specific frequency. Although the legal stations would have us believe that they don't make mistakes, September 1st saw promotions on Radio 1, giving the 98.8MHz. service from Holme Moss (Northern England) as beginning at 12:00. In fact, nothing happened at mid-day, and test tapes were still being run up until 13:00, when it was finally switched! At this point we had a listen, and from what we heard, it sounded as though FM was a new broadcast medium, and they were teaching small children how to tune a radio to find the signal. Mind you, the same thing happened in 1978 when all the BBC frequencies were changed. We also remember with amusement, how when BBC Radio Leeds moved from 1106kHz., down to 774kHz., boy scouts were called out in order to show many listeners where the station had gone! It all goes to show how the lack of radio listening choice in the past, has kept people in the dark as to how to do as simple a thing as tune a radio dial. Perhaps things are finally on the change, although if the BBC fill every new space as they become available, then what hope has a new tier of community radio stations?

Still on the legal scene (hope we are not boring everyone), despite the fact that the joint RTE/Radio Luxembourg Radio Tara project in Ireland already has planning permission for the 1000 foot tower, problems are still being encountered. The local residents currently have pickets on all the entrances to the site, attempting to stop any work being started. The locals are trying also to reverse the decision of the planning board, and injunctions are currently being applied for. So it looks as though the station may well still be delayed getting on the air.

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THE ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE is available at all times. Call Sheerness (0795) 511118 and hear the latest news now. News for us is best written in, but urgent calls can be made on Blackpool (0253) 882017 or on Sheerness (0795) 511119 from where an Ansa-fone service operates. The time limit for entries to the competition which has been held on the info-line during the past two weeks has been extended due to the postal strike. You now have until 9th September to post your winning entry to P.O. Box SH9, Sheerness ME12 1AQ, Kent. Don't forget to put your name and address on the entry.

THE DATA PROTECTION ACT of 1984 says we must inform you that all names and addresses are stored on computer, simply to ease the tremendous task of addressing envelopes each week. You may request to have your details removed and we will oblige but must add that in doing so, we cannot guarantee that our fast 'return of post' service will apply.

"COMMUNICATE '88" is to be held on, Saturday 24th September 1988, in Blackpool, so book now, and enjoy the north's first free radio convention. A package of details about the function to be held in the Winter Gardens Complex in central Blackpool, is available free of charge. Only four weeks to go now, and there are still a few places left on the 'Communicate 88 Express' coach bringing delegates from the South East of England. So if you require a seat, please let us know as soon as possible. We are proud to have amongst our special guests, from the latter days of Laser 558, John Catlett. John was involved on the New York side of the operations. Also flying in from the U.S.A. are Al Weiner and the team from Radio New York International, the off-shore station which surprised everyone when it came on the air to New York City in July 1987. Work is still going on to re-launch the station, and their interview will no doubt be an interesting one. Former Radio Caroline newsreader Stuart Clark has promised to attend and say a few words. Stuart has also worked on the Voice of Peace as well as several stations in Eire, including the setting up of ABC Radio in Co. Waterford from where we hope a couple of the staff will also be in attendance. The following organisations will be having sales stands at Communicate 88 : Anoraks U.K. (incorporating Offshore Echos and Monitor), CM Leisure Sales, The British DX Club, Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Radio Broadcasting Library and John Ford with his famous Radio Caroline etchings. There are bound to be a few surprise celebrities turn up on the day, some that we don't even know about, so don't forget your autograph book!

NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new this week, but a quick mention that due to the postal increases for both inland and foreign letters, which come into effect on 5th September, that some items on our list will be increasing in price by a small amount. Offshore Echo's will be increased to £2.00 at this time, which is also due to increased printing costs in France. There will be no increase in the cost of Weekly Report, as the postal increase was taken into account earlier

in the year.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just one magazine arrived this week, presumably due to all the postal delays. **Horizon** is the newsletter of the Thanet Branch of the Caroline Movement. In this issue, (No. 5), there are 12 pages of information and interesting articles. Included are Ian Goddard's Caroline line-up charts for June and July 1988, part 2 of the Dave Windsor interview, a brief career history of Rosko and the

story of a short stint on the Voice of Peace by Chris Mould. For your copy send 18p plus an s.a.e. to : 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate CT12 4Q.

TAPE OFFERS. Although a little late to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the introduction of the British Marine Broadcasting Offences Act, we can now offer an off-air continuous recording of the final 90 minutes of Radio London from 14th August 1967. Numbered Tape SP-14, the recording is good quality, and starts with the penultimate news bulletin by Paul Kaye at 13:30, that Monday afternoon. Then follows the 'Juicy Fruit' programme until 14:00, when the station presented its 'Final Hour'. During this, numerous deejays said their good-bye's as well as many 'pop stars' who listened to 'Big L', and then the final news broadcast at 14:30. The recording finishes with the closedown announcement, and the Big L theme at 15:00, which was the last ever heard of this very popular radio station. Price for this C-90 cassette is £2.50.

Up to date now, and Tape 223 features a new London ethnic station, Bengali Caribbean Community Radio. This recording was made on its first night of transmission, 30th August 1988, and for the first half hour features reggae music with the presenter speaking in English. This then flows into the Bengali part of the stations, which not only features that type of music, but their language as well. Certainly as interesting one for the collection, and who knows how long this new station will last. Price for this C-90 cassette is £2.00. Both the above prices include postage and packing.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. The big news this time around, is the finals of the 'Big Kahuna' on Sunshine 101. The contest took place last Saturday, 27th August between mid-day and 5pm, and all the 10 finalists had to programme for 30 minutes each - not an easy thing to do when you know that tens of thousands of people are listening to you! The winner was finally picked as Tony Wall, a 26 year old North County Dublin man. He wins a total of £50,000 in prizes, as well as a paid job on Sunshine 101 as a presenter. At the time of writing, Tony has not yet been put into a particular time slot in the station's schedule, but he will no doubt be heard fairly soon. The prizes included a £1000 computer system, a free party for 500 people, one years car rental from Hertz (including £20 per week petrol), a holiday and a £15,000 shopping spree in the Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre. There were of course many other prizes to make up the total winnings.

Across on Super Q, in answer to Sunshine's giveaway, the station continue to have people out in the streets giving away cash to anyone who answers their question with the correct phrase. The 738kHz transmitter seems to be steady at the moment, but not running on particularly high power. Daytime reception has worsened during the past few days here in Blackpool due to Hilversum, on 747kHz., who have either upped power significantly, or increased their modulation to a very high level, and at times are even splattering Super Q at our location.

CLASS

98.5 FM

Mosswood Ltd., 59 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.
Telephone: 784151/784888.

Two members of staff (David Baker and Bryan Lambert) from CLASS 98.5 FM were heard sitting in on the Radio West 'Anorak' show last Sunday, and gave a nice insight into the history of the station. It was mentioned that recent surveys carried out in the city had given CLASS a particularly poor showing, despite the fact that the station does have a lot of listeners and support. It was assumed that the reason for this was the type of people interviewed were below the average age of the CLASS listener, which is considerably more mature than that of say Sunshine 101 or Super Q. The new daytime line-up for the station is... 07:00 Mike Swan... 11:00 David Baker... 15:00 Steve O'Brien... 19:00 Paul Bradley (Monday/Tuesday)/Peter Ledden (Wednesday/Thursday)/Carl Lombard (Friday)... 23:00 Dave C "Loveline"... 00:00 Suzanne's 'Night-Ride' till 07:00. The drive-time with Steve included

sixty minutes of classic hits from the 60's, sponsored by Clearvision HiFi, between 17:00 and 18:00.

A new station has been heard testing on 104.2MHz. in the city, and is believed to be using the former equipment of CAU-FM which ceased broadcasting some weeks ago. So far, the only information we have is what was gathered from listening over the air. The station is playing 5 tracks in a row, and then identifying as Hope FM, "The New Voice of Dublin". When programmes start in earnest, the format is said to be going to be A.O.R. So, we can only wait and see how this station will progress. It would be nice to have an A.O.R station to give the listeners in the city a greater listening choice.

Elsewhere in the city things are running as normal. Radio Dublin have been heard promoting a 5 mile road race, due to take place on Sunday 11th September, in Santry. Tallaght Community Radio, who have not been heard for a long time on medium wave (1359kHz.), are operating on FM (91.85), but problems with distorted audio have been noted recently. North Dublin Community Radio who used to be heard here in Blackpool quite well on 1008kHz., are understood to be still operating on this channel, but the power must be quite small, and only covering a small section of the city. They continue with a fair signal on FM, 105.65MHz.

Co. CAVAN. Radio West reported last Sunday, that Cavan Community Radio (819kHz.) were once again operating an FM link from the studio to the AM site. The station tried this same thing several years ago, when it moved in above a 'Musicland' in the centre of town. However at that time the link was severely jammed, for many months, until eventually the station had to move back to the AM site. Let us hope that this time, no problems are encountered.

Co. WESTMEATH. On Sunday's Anorak Show, Sean read out a list of the various FM frequencies in use by Radio West, throughout the country, which were as follows... Dublin 97.3 / The Midlands 100.1 / Tullamore 99.1MHz / Loughrea 95.8 / Galway City 99.7MHz. Sean also mentioned that the Galway AM transmitter would be back on shortly, but would move from the current 711kHz., down to around 648kHz. **Co. ROSCOMMON.** The transmitter formerly used by Radio Rainbow International, is now on the air in this county, under the name of Roscommon Community Radio. Continuous oldies was noted on 1521kHz. last Sunday, and we understand that the station was to officially open the following day at 06:00, although we were unable to monitor it ourselves. They also have an FM outlet. We hope to find out more at a later date.

OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. The Voice of Peace is now back with a 24 hour schedule. This follows the arrival of a new Irish presenter, Brenden Meehan, who arrived on 23rd August. There are now four deejays on board the vessel. The line-up is now... 00:00 Martin Murphie... 03:00 Brenden Meehan... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Richard West... 13:00 Martin Murphie... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Richard West... 22:00 Brenden Meehan. At the moment, one of the generators requires spare parts, so the station is relying on just one generator. Every eleven or twelve days, the Voice of Peace is going off the air because the oil in the main generator has to be changed. Abie Nathan was supposed to bring parts for the second generator, but he still has not returned from the U.S.A. That's all for this time from the Kravitski Twins.

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. There seems to be less and less to report about happenings on the station. There has been no change in staff for the past couple of weeks, which has left a steady line-up this week once again of... 18:00 Johan Maasbach (English)... 18:30 Ian Mack... 21:00 Nigel Harris... 00:00 Chris Kennedy... 03:00 Neil Gates... 05:30 Johan Maasbach (Dutch)... 06:00 Radio 558 (Dutch language radio station). There was some speculation on Thursday night that was about to be a change, when Chris Kennedy read the midnight news instead of Ian Mack. However, Ian was heard reading the International news at 08:30 on Friday morning on Radio 558. Perhaps he was suffering that night from the very rough seas which have been pounding the ship these past few days. Problems with the main insulator are getting worse now that the seas are beginning to rise towards Winter, as there is still no proper insulator on board, and they are still using a modified version of the 'up-turned plastic barrel'. This can be noticed when the station cuts off for varying time periods from a few seconds to several minutes.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LONDON. Before we start this week's Bank Holiday report from Sid, we re-print below an article which closes the current story in the life of London Irish Community Radio, which was enjoyed by the population of London earlier in the year, that is until the DoTI Men became too interested. It was taken from the Irish Post of 6th August 1988.

Pirate organisers fined

The organisers of the pirate London Irish Community Radio station have been fined and forced to forfeit their expensive transmitting equipment.

Ealing Magistrates' Court in west London fined the station's backers £400 last week and added £295 costs.

The case was taken by the Department of Trade and Industry, which argued that the station broadcast illegally and breached Section 1 of the Wireless and Telegraphy Act 1949.

London Irish Community Radio was on air for five weeks until mid-May last when officials from the Department of Trade and Industry closed down its Acton, west London, operation.

One of the station's backers, Jimmy Smith, insisted at the time that radio station facilities should be made available to cater for the London Irish community and said that the illegal broadcasts prove that a large market is not being catered for.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

26th - 29th August 1988.

This week locked into a total of 37 stations, 36 on FM - 14 in stereo, and one on AM.

Carnival dominated virtually everything this weekend, with a number of 'privateers' closing down for at least part of the two day event. Time Radio (103.7), now back to mono, but still on high power, took Monday off for the main event, and returned just after 8pm, while RJR (90.0) were off for the Sunday 'Children's Day' as well, and also returned Monday evening. Euro-Jam (89.45) may well have gone to 'Children's Day', as they were off from Saturday evening until Monday morning, but this may have been technical problems. The recently returned Strong Island Radio (SIR - 96.9) were so overcome by it all, that only a dead carrier have been heard since. An un-named station putting out Soca, was heard briefly on 90.4 on Friday evening from West London, while WLIB (90.9), featured 'vox box' from Carnival. The main Carnival radio event came from The Dread Broadcasting Company (DBC - 98.05 stereo), who came up on the slot, until recently used by Wembley's Traffic Jam. They repeated the performance from last year, where they broadcast continuously, for the Carnival, from a marquee pitched on Wormwood Scrubs. The location was not readily identifiable this year, but it certainly carried all the atmosphere of Carnival. The atmosphere generated by the auxilary non-stop sound system capital m.c.'s, as they used their stereo digital delays to the full, was marred only by the odd equipment malfunction, or mis-alignment. What was probably the longest ever station ID ever, was played, with a time in excess of ten minutes! Just 'DBC' being chanted over a fast reggae beat, and the occasional '92.8' (which marked it as a very old jingle), being heard. However, to keep it from getting too boring, one of the m.c.'s was toasting in a suitably manic style over the top. On a technical note, there must have been a reverse stereo phase connection somewhere in the line, as everytime they were dropped into mono, a vast amount of information was lost.

Starpoint (93.25 - stereo) took over from time-share partners CD-93 on Sunday morning, with an amazing Bank Holiday scoop for early morning listeners, when they became the first U.K. station to broadcast a Michael Jackson concert in its entirety. Not a legal recording of course, (this is pirate radio after all!), but a bootleg recording made in the audience the previous evening at the London Wembley concert. This made it high on audience atmosphere, as the crowd participated in 'whooping', cheering, clapping and singing along with the man. It was low on musical detail, but sufficient could be made out, aided by the odd, jointly explicit comment, to enjoy the ambience of the occasion. So proud of their coup were they, that the whole tape was repeated the following morning. Still, it would really only be of interest to dedicated M.J. fans, but there are enough of them about to make the whole exercise worth while.

Essex 'out-of-town' funksters Stomp FM (105.4 - stereo),

had an extended weekend, and were only stopped from blanketing all of South East London, by Streatham's Radio Sarah (also 105.4), who were intermittent due to having a tx blow-up, on both Saturday and Sunday, but the South Londoners had a full Bank Holiday Monday. Also having extended weekends, were East London's Sunrise Radio (88.75)

and a re-vitalised Solar Radio (93.0 - stereo). Also coming out of the depths of Essex, and caught for the first time on Monday, but only heard on the Kent/London borders, were Inner City Radio (105.7 - stereo), with a rock solid stereo soul signal, complete with Bill Mitchell drop-ins. Along the Medway Towns, and the South East of London, they were coming in as strong as Stomp, but failed to penetrate the centre of town at all.

After a gap of several weeks, the lads from 'up the junction', dusted off the transmitter, straightened the antenna, and put a 'turbo powered' Raiders Pop FM (105.8 - stereo) back on air for a three day weekend. They were carrying a lot of back-to-back tapes, which suggested a shortage of both live and pre-recorded programme material, but at least they made it. They were not short of the lovable DJ Howard material, whose certifiable ravings should give any half-rate competent shrink, a field day! Although super-powered, like DBC,

Raiders had a slight problem on their stereo signal in the form of a high pitched whistle that disappeared when the mono button was pressed. This again suggested a stereo phase mis-alignment. Also running on for an extra day, were Rock FM (94.35 - stereo) who treated us all to a super stereo Monday as well as a magnificent mono Sunday. Super little SLR (103.20) just ran their normal weekend schedule, while rock and rollers Radio Jennifer and London Rock, and, surprisingly, 'Oldies' Hits FM were not heard at all. If they were on, MMR (105.8) would have been buried by Raiders. The un-stoppable 'robot-poppers' 'New' Hits FM (98.4), are proving that their concept of non-stop top 40 hits rotated every two hours is working well, as they continue to pick up new advertising. Swinging Radio England (SRE - 1611kHz AM) were caught for the first time on Friday with a mix of 60's revival, PAM's greatest hits jingles, and friendly chat. Not the greatest reception in the West End, and being off the edge of the band, makes it impossible for digital radio owners to receive. But now that there is a portable 'tranny' in the car, it is hoped to stop now and again, and check their progress.

TKO (102.4 - stereo) paused, stood still, took a mighty breath, and then blasted back in the early hours of Saturday with a full power take-off, which has placed them back in the highest orbit for stereo quality and power. Coming up in the quality stakes this last week or two, are JBC (104.3 - stereo), who have had an increase in signal strength, to bring the quality signal well into South London. The Sunday night 'talk-in', was postponed this weekend, to allow the presenters to enjoy Carnival. Working under the title of 'a magazine', the recently up-rated East London community action station WLIB (90.9), has started a rival discussion show. Friday saw them discussing racism in education, and on Monday on the same slot, they had 'vox box' recorded at Carnival, as people told of the enjoyable time, they had had at the event. It isn't all chat, with music being played every few minutes. They have yet to reach the panache and style currently enjoyed by the JBC crew, but as experience is gained, they will begin to catch up.

SIR (96.9) are back, and are the station that tentatively ID'd as 96.9/Soul last week. They took the entire weekend off for Carnival, just leaving the mains humming along to keep us entertained. Apart from those who went to the party, several other stations went off un-expectedly. KISS-FM (94.0 - stereo) came on later than usual Saturday morning, and went off early, sometime Sunday afternoon. Brixton 'powerhouse' Passion Radio (90.7) went dead Sunday, and have not been heard since. LWR (92.05 and 92.1), changed tx's Sunday, and remained down in power. Rock-to-Rock (90.25), went dead Monday, and have also not been heard since. No reason is known. With Passion down, it was possible to establish that SRI (90.8) were still around, albeit a little down from the usual slot. Nothing more has been heard from 'The Eastern', first heard last week, but they may be re-assessing the situation now that WLIB has up-rated its signal and can be readily heard in South London. On the

Greek front, only the up-rated LGR (88.3) continues non-stop, with low powered GRL (96.2), returning Saturday, and 'Another Greek' being buried by the side-splatter from both Radio Sarah and the 'turbo-powered' Raiders. 'The Asian' on 105.25 came back Monday, after being missing all weekend, and 'The Arab' (89.65 - stereo) continues un-disturbed.

Also heard : Sky FM (91.8), Studio FM (92.65), City Radio (94.5), Joy FM (97.85), WNK (102.9), Fresh FM (103.3) and Tropical (105.15 - stereo).

LONDON UP-DATE. Mid-week brought both Passion Radio and Rock-to-Rock back on the air, although LWR and TKO were both noted missing on Thursday evening. LWR had a carrier on by Friday morning however. 'New' Hits FM appear to be suffering in the wake of the new BBC Radio 1 transmitter on 98.4MHz., as on its fringe reception areas, the two are both heard fading in and out with each other. Finally, a new station with a massive signal in East London, calling itself Bengali Caribbean Community Radio was noted early in the week on 88.7MHz., although announcing 88.5MHz. Test transmissions were in operation, and the music content was reggae followed by traditional Bengali music. It was noted later in the week, but on reduced power. At one point they were heard telling Sunrise Radio to 'move up a bit'!

The Swinging Radio England network has now expanded to five stations. The main outlet in London, on 161kHz., operates from mid-day until either 02:00 or 04:00 the following morning between Wednesday and Sunday. A problem with their main transmitter last week, has meant that they are on a standby rig at present, which is actually operating at more power than normal. The other outlets in the network are Cardiff/Swansea (Friday-Sunday : 16:00-02:00), West of London (Friday : 21:00-01:00), Derbyshire (Friday : 21:00-00:00) and Portsmouth (Saturday and Sunday mornings).

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Little out of the ordinary has occurred in West Yorkshire this past week. Rapid Radio who last time, were discovered on 103.6MHz., have not been heard since, on either this or their former frequency of 105.8. Music City Radio have only been heard sporadically with their Leeds service on 90.3MHz., however the Bradford outlet on 104.9MHz., has been noted each day. Both ABC FM (105.1) and Peoples FM (104.6) have also been heard daily without any apparent problems. Over the Bank Holiday, Radio Radar were unable to broadcast due to staff shortages. However Thunder Radio (104.8) were on the air, both on Sunday (28th) and Monday (29th) with extended programming. Telstar Radio (105.45) were also noted last weekend.

Due to postal problems, no other reports have arrived for South Yorkshire or Derbyshire. In Hull, Radio Takoradi have not been heard for a number of weeks. No reason is known for their absence.

BRISTOL. Better news this week, with a higher level of free radio activity than of late. Radio F.T.P. (103.7 - stereo) have however, been fighting alone during the week, with a beautifully clean audio, in stereo. The hiss is still prominent however in stereo (unless you switch to mono), towards the outskirts of the city. This has not stopped the station picking up an increasing number of listeners and advertisers - this week alone an ad for a forthcoming reggae gig has been heavily played, together with numerous announcements of night club events, particularly those featuring F.T.P. presenters, and a very professional promotion for 'Hummingbird' electricians. This company may well have visited F.T.P.'s sometimes troublesome studio, as the annoying low frequency hum had vanished mid-week, leaving only the rather ungraceful 'cutting' in and out of the microphone over music when the deejay speaks, to be cured. Programme wise, although the station is on the air most times, there is no set schedule, with presenters being on the air at odd times.

Emergency Radio (97.9 - mono) also stomped out on Sunday 28th August, from 12 noon, bringing relief to those who were beginning to wonder if there was escape from endless Radio 1 tests in Bristol. The big change concerning this stations is the dropping of the 99.9MHz. (mono) transmitter, which appeared to serve central and north Bristol since the station's inception, and at one time was their only outlet.

THE MIDLANDS. Both Enterprise FM (91.9) and Radio P.C.R.L. (103.5) still continue to slog away with their round the clock schedules, although on occasions, Enterprise have been reduced to a blank carrier. Recent musical selections are being more varied, to include such artists as Chuck Berry,

Status Quo and The Eagles. Otherwise both Enterprise and P.C.R.L. have a staple diet of reggae. On P.C.R.L., Chicken George ("pour some chicken on your cornflakes.") gives forth with 3 hours of 'reggaebrek', Monday to Fridays, and on occasions sounds like a black, 'Brummie' version of Derek Jameson. On Friday 26th August his place was taken by Del Rogers, who mentioned a prolonged spell in Australia. (Is this the same Del who was on Radio Caroline during 1984?)

Elsewhere on the bands, Powerhouse 105 (105.2) continue to blast away from approximately 16:00 until 01:00-02:00 each day. They were joined on Saturday 27th August by weekenders Fresh FM (95.0), and the return of the 'round the clock' KISS FM (105.5), with a strong clear mono signal, and non-stop dance music, promoting various 'funspots' in the area, as well as some non-disco enterprises. This is the first time that KISS has been noted since the raid several weeks ago. They give a mailing address of c/o Loading Bay Records, 586 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6BQ. They announce the station as having 'no news, no politics, only the best in music'.

MERSEYSIDE. Storeton Community Radio (1026) were on the air as expected over the Bank Holiday weekend, with an excellent signal. After being without for a short time, the station now has a new mailing address of : 52 Cleehill Road, Prenton, Wirral, Merseyside L42 8PA.

Radio Merseywaves were noted last weekend, but only a carrier was in evidence on Monday (29th). There was nothing at all on 1242kHz on Friday (2nd September), and no reason is yet known for the lack of programmes.

Radio Atlantis (1197) has operated as normal this week.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Welcome to the first 'WR' using our new system, whereby the logs are being collated throughout the past five days. We believe that although this makes them a few days behind, they are more complete than before. Unfortunately this week, due to the postal strike, some letters have been delayed, and some logs may be missing.

Log for Sunday 28th August 1988.

6201kHz...RADIO TITANIC INT., at 09:22gmt.
6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 10:05gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 08:50gmt.
6225kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 09:23gmt.
6231kHz...CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD, at 10:04gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:08gmt.
6233kHz...RADIO CAVENDISH, at 09:25gmt.
6257kHz...RTR INTERNATIONAL, at 09:29gmt.
6271kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:30gmt.
6271kHz...RADIO SCOTLAND, at 10:25gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:10gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO PANDORA, at 11:07gmt.
6287kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 09:24gmt.
6296kHz...RADIO KRISTEL INT., at 09:31gmt.
6298kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:34gmt.
6305kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 11:08gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:24gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:32gmt.
6630kHz...RADIO ORION.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:05gmt.
7290kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 09:36gmt.
7296kHz...RADIO 101 / JOYSTICK, at 09:31gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES, at 09:30gmt.

Signals today were quite good, with most areas being heard well.

FRS HOLLAND were noted by us on 3 different frequencies, however non of these were running in parallel, suggesting several different transmission sites.

Radio Cavendish was announcing an address of 128 Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne, Sussex, England. This is the first time for a while that Cavendish has been heard.

Andy also reports hearing a Radio Budapest DX programme at 10:15 on 6315kHz. On checking, he found that they do not put this show out at this particular time, so it is assumed that an unidentified free radio station was relaying it.

Log for Monday 29th August 1988.

6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 09:22gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 09:20gmt.
6235kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:23gmt.
6256kHz...RTR INTERNATIONAL, at 10:01gmt.
7300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:33gmt.
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The WEEKLY REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 227.....10th September 1988.

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

We start off this week, by apologising to those subscribers who have either received their past two reports late, or in some cases not at all. WR 226 was posted on the morning of 2nd September, but due to a continued strike, was not collected, and remained in our local post office all weekend. Due to local action in some areas, the previous report did not get through at all, even though in some areas subscribers received theirs on the Tuesday, despite the Bank Holiday. We had to chuckle at the statement given out by the post office, that the strike 'did not affect British business' - we wonder who they asked? Let us hope that the dispute is sorted out as soon as possible, and we can get back to normal operations. Those who wish to book for Communicate 88, and do not want to risk money in the post when the strike is over, are quite welcome to pay on the door. We would ask however, that anyone who requires a seat on the Communicate 88 Express, please contact us on (0253) 882017 as soon as possible, so as not to be disappointed, as there are only a few seats left.

Once again this week, very little of significance is happening in the free radio world. In the U.K., the DoTI Men seem to have returned from their tour of the provinces, and the raids are beginning to take place once more in London, just as the big stations had managed to get back up to full power. Despite the raids, all the provincial stations are now back on the air, making us wonder what the point of it all is! In Ireland, despite the impending legislation on 31st December, new stations continue to be planned and to open up, so some operators must think there is life in it all yet. What will actually happen at the end of the year is still a matter for conjecture. Will temporary licenses be handed out to bridge the gap between legislation being imposed and the time full licenses are handed out? Or, will everything be forced to close down, leaving a lot of angry, out of work people, with mortgages and other bills to pay, and no replacement jobs to go to? We hope that the Irish government will not let these people down.

On the legal side of things, we hear on the grapevine, that the new Radio 1 FM outlet from Holme Moss on 98.8MHz., is causing a few headaches for police operators in that area - it being in the middle of the police mobile band. Will Holme Moss subsequently be the target of a massive DTI raid, or will it all be swept under the carpet? - We think our readers will know the answer!

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THE DATA PROTECTION ACT of 1984 says we must inform you that all names and addresses are stored on computer, simply to ease the tremendous task of addressing envelopes each week. You may request to have your details removed and we will oblige but must add that in doing so, we cannot guarantee that our fast 'return of post' service will apply.

"COMMUNICATE '88" is to be held on, Saturday 24th September 1988, in Blackpool, so book now, and enjoy the north's first free radio convention. Due to the postal dispute it will be possible to pay £10 for your badge on the door. Once in possession of a badge, you can pass in and out of the hall and bar as many times as you wish.



Anyone attending Communicate 88 from the Leeds or Bradford area, and who is having trouble with transport, may like to know that Bruce Newton is willing to help. If you would like a lift to the convention, please contact us, and we can put Bruce in touch with you.

Chris, who lives in the Scunthorpe area, also has two spare seats in his car, and is willing to give a lift to anyone on his route. Again, please contact ourselves on (0253) 882017 during office hours, and we will get Bruce or Chris to contact you directly with more details.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new this week, but the lack of a postal system has meant that goods cannot be despatched anyway.

NEW ARRIVALS. As above, no post means no reading matter. We do hear however, that the latest Monitor is in the post, so look forward to a good read.

TAPE OFFER. Again, due to lack of postal services, it is pointless offering anything this time.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. As mentioned in our opening paragraphs this week, despite the impending radio legislation in Eire, new stations are still being opened. Last week, we mentioned that a Hope FM was heard testing with continuous music on 104.2MHz. The non-stop music has continued, but has now moved up a little to 104.4MHz. This has made it very difficult to monitor here in Blackpool, due to a local BBC relay on 104.5MHz. However since the signal is very strong, on good days, we can still separate the two. Bill Mitchell drop-ins have been heard occasionally between some tracks, promoting the station as 'The new voice in Dublin'; and as 'Starting next Monday'. No other announcements have been heard, so we await full programming, to see if the format will be A.O.R., as promised.

Not quite a new station, but a 'new format', is Gold 104. This is presumed to be a re-vamped Liberty 104. We are not quite sure how long this has been in operation, as it was only noticed by accident during an FM 'lift', this past week. At this time, we heard a station playing 'golden oldies'


on 106.4MHz. It identified as Gold 104, so we immediately went to 103.5kHz., medium wave, where the same programmes were being broadcast. The non-stop oldies format is one which has not been tried fully in Dublin (seven days per week), and with its recent success on some of the U.K. ILR stations, it is no wonder that one of the Dublin operations has taken up on it. 'Oldies' are certainly popular, as can be seen by the large audiences which have been gathered on a Sunday, by Sunshine 101's 'Be-Bop-Gold', and Super Q's 'Bop Shop'. It will be interesting to see if the ratings go up with the change from 'Liberty 104' to 'Gold 104'.

A telephone number of 538870 has been heard given out for competitions. This is the same number as Liberty 104 used.

Elsewhere, the FM 'lift' brought in North Dublin Community Radio for the first time in a while here in Blackpool, on 105.7MHz. (and not 105.6 as on our latest station list, and 105.5 as announced). They still cannot be heard on 100.8kHz however. All the Sunshine 101 relays (100.3/100.7/101.1/101.5), and Super Q (99.9/101.9/102.3/103.0) could be clearly heard, as well as Treble T R Radio (99.1 and 99.5), Class (98.5), Capitol/Nitesky (95.8) and Southside 95/Nova (94.9). Further out, Boyneside Radio could be heard on 98.0 and 100.5, Erneside Radio on 97.8, Radio West on 100.1, KITS on 100.9, ZEE 103 on 103.25, KISS-FM on 103.7 and Big M Radio on 104.8MHz. Pulsar 98, formerly heard regularly, is now obliterated in our area by the BBC Radio 1 FM relay from Holme Moss on 98.8MHz.

The recent advert, re-printed below, for Bob Gallico's late night show on Treble T R Radio indicates that they now only operate on one AM outlet of 936kHz.

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With the recent ratings released in August, showing that Sunshine 101 are top of the list with 65% of Dublin listeners, they, and Super Q are still battling over the airwaves with various promotions. In response to Super Q and its 'all music on compact disc' promotions, Sunshine now have a similar one mentioning their own 'digital audio' circuits. Both stations have staff out on the streets giving away money. For Sunshine, Nails Mahoney and Mr. Robinson 'Coo-Coo-Ca-Choo' are out giving away money for those who say the correct slogan 'I listen to the Red Hot Sound of Sunshine 101'. We hear that Bill Cunningham's contract with Super Q might have been up at the end of August, so it will be

interesting to see if it was renewed.

Co. ROSCOMMON. Despite us not yet being able to receive Roscommon Community Radio on 152.1kHz., and report on the programme content, it has been received here in Blackpool, on its second harmonic on 304.2kHz. DX-ers should look out for this late at night, or early in the morning, as it is likely to be cured at any time.

OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS.

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. We left the station on Friday 2nd September, seemingly operating as normal, apart from several long breaks due to the rough seas, which were causing arcing / tripping problems with the aerial system. Saturday morning came, and the Dutch service of Radio 558 was in operation as normal at 08:00. However on checking at 10:00, the station was off the air (although we noted a carrier on their shortwave frequency of 6215kHz.). They returned sometime during the afternoon, and we first noted them at around 17:45. At this point only continuous music was being played, and the normal theme tune up to 18:00 was not played. Nor was there an announcement for the start of the English service, and Johan Maasbach started straight away. We understand that the break in transmission was due to a generator problem. Saturday night saw a staff change, with Judy Murphy being heard back on the air, between 03:00 and 06:00 on Sunday morning, and Rob Harrison also returning to the line-up, albeit first on news only. Also heard early on Sunday morning (3rd September) was a new name, Paul Shilton. It was mentioned that Paul would be on until 08:00, but this must have been 'continental time', as Johan Maasbach was heard at 07:30 BST. The station went off later, and was not heard for the rest of the day. On Monday morning (5th September), there were no programmes at all, just a blank carrier - this was also the case on 6215kHz., where normally, gospel music is played throughout the day. Modulations were heard intermittently during Monday, with Dutch programming re-commencing later in the afternoon. The problem this time was the feed from the studios to the transmitter room, which had developed a fault, with the result that only one studio could be put through into the tx room. Following Johan Maasbach at 18:30, Radio Caroline began as normal with Rob Harrison now in this slot. Instead of the normal gospel music on 6215kHz. short wave, Radio Caroline was being relayed, and this continued throughout the night. At around 19:45, Rob announced that Judy Murphy would be on at 22:00, with selections from the 'Caroline All Time Top 500'. Perhaps this was the start of a slight change in the evening format to include more album music - something which was intended for the 819 service, when it eventually comes on the air. On listening around midnight, Judy appeared to be having plenty of fun in the studio, along with other members of staff, and calling the programme a 'rebel broadcast'. One report indicates that at around 01:00 on Tuesday morning, only the shortwave service was on the air. One of the Dutch presenters, Colin Peters hosted a show at 02:00 this particular morning, which was believed to have been a 'one-off'. When daylight arrived on Tuesday, the Dutch service, Radio 558 was on both medium wave and short wave. This lasted until around lunchtime, but when we checked at 14:00, both transmitters had left the air (no blank carriers), and were not heard again until later in the evening. Radio 558 was back on the air on Wednesday morning (7th), but all we could hear on shortwave, was a low powered distorted signal, which one correspondent reports as being World Mission Radio, although it was difficult to tell. The line-up on Radio Caroline had changed again by Wednesday night due to Ian Mack resuming programmes after a few days rest... 18:00 Johan Maasbach... 18:30 Ian Mack... 21:00 Rob Harrison... 00:00 Judy Murphy... 03:00 Paul Shilton... 05:30 Johan Maasbach (Dutch)... 06:00 Radio 558. By 11:00 on Thursday morning (8th), World Mission Radio had resumed in earnest, with Johan Maasbach being aired at this time, and regular gospel music for the rest of the day. Following the second Johan tape for the day at 18:30, there appeared to be another short (15 minute) religious broadcast, although as we only caught the end of it, we will not be able to confirm the title until next time. WMR did not last for long however, as only a teleprinter could be heard on 6215kHz. on Friday morning. Thursday night saw a surprise voice appear on the air between 23:00 and 01:00 - he was Fergy McNeill. Fergy has not been heard for several years, and used to host overnight shows on Caroline Overdrive. The line-up

for Thursday/Friday, 8th/9th September thus became... 18:30 Ian Mack... 21:00 Rob Harrison... 23:00 Fergy McNeil... 01:00 Judy Murphy... 03:00 Paul Shilton. Although not hosting a show as yet, the voice of Mike Watts has been heard this week, as well as references to Mike Dundee (former newsreader). With these engineers on board, perhaps some moves are afoot on the aerial front.

With the appearance of Fergy McNeil on Radio Caroline, there also seems to have been a change in staff on Radio 558. for the past two weeks, a girl has been hosting the morning shows, however this morning (Friday), she has not been heard. Also, Erwin van der Bleeck is believed to have hosted the breakfast show.

On the audio side of the shortwave service, the hum on 6215kHz. seems to be getting worse. Whether this is due to a station underneath being stronger, and thus causing a louder heterodyne, is not known, but it is certainly becoming uncomfortable to listen to, especially during quiet passages. On Sunday morning, both 558kHz. and 6215kHz. were running in parallel for a considerable time, including Johan Maasbach, and a subsequent religious programme. This was between approximately 07:30 and 08:30 BST.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

MANCHESTER. Just WBLS (102.4) has been monitored at our location this week. No doubt other stations have been on the air, but we have no written reports this week.

MERSEYSIDE. Radio Merseywaves (1242) was missing when we went to print last Friday, and in fact they failed to appear for the rest of that weekend, at least they were not heard whilst we were able to listen on Saturday and Monday. A call from the station mid-week, told us that there was in fact nothing wrong, and that the station had gone off the air on Bank Holiday Sunday evening for security reasons. They were unable to get on the air last weekend, but hoped to resume their regular 4 day weekend today (Friday 9th). However, at the time of printing, they have still not returned to the air. Perhaps Saturday will see some action on the silent 1242kHz.

Storton Community Radio (1026kHz.) came on the air last Saturday morning (3rd) with an extremely strong signal, and test music up until 10:00. At this point the station signed on for the rest of the day, announcing three hour shifts by each deejay. Programmes were also announced for all of Sunday, but we were not in a position to monitor these.

Whilst Radio Merseywaves were missing on Friday (2nd), Radio Atlantis (1197) took the opportunity to extend its broadcasting hours, and Rick Dane was heard giving out programming until 22:00. The station was on the air for the rest of the weekend, including Monday. The signal has remained strong over the past few weeks, and is clearly audible using a directional loop aerial. Rick was heard on Monday mentioning that programmes now went from 10:00 until 22:00 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, so the 10pm close looks like being regular from now on. Radio Atlantis was the only station on-air on medium wave on Friday 9th.

No stations have been monitored by us on the FM band this week, however we understand that North Coast Radio are expected to put in a full weekend's programmes around 104.8MHz.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. In Bradford, Radio Veronica were heard conducting an aerial test on Bank Holiday Monday, between 23:30 and 01:00. The frequency was 105.5MHz., and this was another of the 'one-off' broadcasts heard occasionally in recent months. Also in Bradford, Music City Radio (104.9) continue with daily programmes specifically aimed at the city. They have plenty of adverts, with a good signal and audio. An Asian programme is understood to be aired each evening, in addition to the regular reggae and soul music shows normally put out. The original service of Music City Radio, in Leeds on 90.3MHz., returned to the air over the weekend of 2nd-5th September after having been missing during the week. We wonder if they have returned to a 'weekend only' schedule for the time being. Elsewhere in Leeds, Peoples FM (104.6) and ABC FM (105.1) have both been heard daily, but there is still no sign of Rapid FM.

A little out of this area, and Telstar Radio were on the air on 105.45MHz. on Sunday evening (4th September).

In South Yorkshire, Rebel Radio (105.4) put in its regular Monday evening broadcast on 5th September, between 20:00 and 22:00. Scooter Jones and Kenny Crescendo were heard

entertaining the listeners. Village Radio (105.2) have been heard with test transmissions on both Sunday (4th) and Wednesday (7th), and a regular show on Monday evening (5th) between 22:00 and 23:00 with Chris Roberts. The station was supposed to be on the air on Tuesday night, and indeed the deejay was happily playing away, only to find that the aerial had not been connected up! Village Radio will be doing a special all night broadcast on Friday 16th September, between 22:00 and 04:00. Presenters to look out for, are Chris Roberts, Dave Lee Lewis and Kenny Crescendo.

NOTTINGHAM. Heatwave Community Radio continue to blast out a good signal each day on 104.9MHz. During the early hours of Monday (29th August) the station signed off early at 02:00, but about twenty minutes later, music was again heard, with the on-air deejay frantically asking for someone to come and let him out of the studio, as he was locked in!! This went on for about 30 minutes, when a fellow jock came and let him out. At 16:00 on Thursday 1st September, the station began an appeal to raise money to send two Nottingham girls, Sharon Gibson and Lorraine Hall, to the Seoul Olympics. The appeal finished at 02:00 on Saturday morning, with the result that in only 34 hours a massive £2200 had been raised. This was a great feat, as the station had only set out to raise £500.

THE MIDLANDS. This area was possibly on the receiving end of some DTI activity this week, as several stations were noted missing on occasions, to return on slightly changed frequencies, suggesting different transmitters. Twenty four hour operators Radio P.C.R.L. (103.5), Enterprise FM (91.9) and newcomers KISS-FM (105.5) have all been on the air, with KISS even being heard here in Blackpool on occasions. Enterprise FM were noted off the air on Wednesday morning (7th), and on returning later were slightly up in frequency at 92.0MHz. The same day, both Powerhouse Radio (105.2) and KISS FM were noted off the air at 16:00, although both returned later, also on slightly different frequencies. No stations have been off for a substantial period, so the reason for the breaks could be simply security. Rapid FM (105.8) were noted last Friday (2nd September), but have not been heard since, and Midland Asian Community Radio (106.5) have failed to appear for their regular evening programmes since last Saturday (3rd). Regular weekender Fresh FM operated as normal on 3rd and 4th September on 95.0MHz.

On the promotional front, Radio P.C.R.L. are certainly not lying low, and are advertised as being on stage at the Birmingham Carnival, to be held on 10th and 11th September, in Handsworth Park. The station is also holding its own beauty contest as can be seen in the cutting below.

Miss P.C.R.L. Beauty Pageant 1988

Please send a full length photo to:
P.C.R.L., 151 Dudley Road, or S.A.E. for
details, or phone 021-454 9152.

*Applicants must be aged
between 16 and 30 years.*

LONDON. Due to post office action, we have yet to receive even last week's survey from Sid, so once again to make sure we had it at hand, it had to be taken down the telephone at an early stage - making profits for both the Post Office and Telecom!

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY. 2nd - 5th September 1988.

Disaster struck the London survey this weekend when, with an uncanny sense of timing, the normally reliable, accurate sensitive devices used to monitor the weekend happenings, both ceased to function within a 24 hour period, leaving me virtually 'earless'. Emergency plans were taken down, dusted out, and new batteries inserted. Yet more problems evolved as your intrepid reporter attempted to

set up a monitoring station on the very steps of 'the London Lubianka' itself, when officialdom, in the form of heavily uniformed riot squads were deployed to defeat this plan. Despite protesting that "I was conducting the business of Her Majesty's press", I was unceremoniously 'moved on', as without realising it, I had become involved in the firework finale to 'Thames Day'. Saturday evening's monitoring was therefore carried out from the precincts of the British Museum, while Sunday night's was carried out from the heights of Wandsworth Common, overlooking the bridge. Despite all these difficulties, we are still able to bring you the following earth shattering exclusive stories.

There has been little evidence of official action from the DoTI Men, as they no doubt enjoy their touring holidays ripping out the rigs of our provincial cousins. Certainly, all the main stations appeared to remain untroubled, after the blitz of a week or two ago, and many more are back on top form. Top of the pile is **TKO** (102.4 - stereo) who have convincingly re-established themselves as the quality leaders. **TKO** are closely followed by **Big Time Radio** (103.7 - stereo), who are now wacking out a tremendous signal, that is only marred by the number of spurious signals which can be heard up and down the band. This may precipitate a quick return from the country by the DoTI men, to remove this, and catch up on the backlog of persecutions, missing this last few weeks. **Super Fresh FM** (103.35) are also up there with **TKO** and **Time** in the power stakes, and only the lack of stereo stops them from direct competition with the 'Big T's'. Possibly because of the lack of action from the official side of things, the big three weekenders **CD-93/Starpoint** (93.25 - stereo), **Solar 93** (93.0 - stereo) and **KISS FM** (94.0 - stereo), all came on air earlier than usual, on Friday evening, instead of the more usual (of late) Saturday morning.

LWR (92.1) are picking up power, and are coming across very strongly in the South East and East of town. This may mean that they have abandoned the heights of Crystal Palace, for the just as vicious 'pirate alley' around the Old Kent Road. A pleasant surprise, was to catch the veteran and **LWR** founder reggae jock, **Fuzzy Dee**, back on the air. With his smooth professional style, he should have been snapped up by one of the legit organisations a long time back.

Rock-FM (94.3 - stereo) carried their Saturday testing one stage further this week, with what was referred to as 'rehearsal' for the Sunday 8am to 11pm outing, when some of the 'Magnificent Seven', went live for several hours on the Saturday evening. Battersea 'power poppers' **Raiders FM** (105.85 - stereo) were rocking along in fine style, as were 'New' **Hits FM** (98.4). It may only be co-incidence of course, but every time 'New' Hits has been tuned, who should be simpering out of the 'squeekers', than Mr Smooth himself, **Julio Iglesias**. Are Hits shortening the tapes, are they featuring some artists more than others, or am I just being plain unlucky? Answers please to : Room 13, The London Lubianka, just next to Waterloo Bridge, London. Tooting and Mitcham micro-poppers **SLR** (102.2), like fellow hobbyists **London Rock**, sometimes take on the atmosphere of the old sixties ship-borne stations. Most of the crew seem to hang around the studio while they are there, which inevitably spills over into 'on-air' intros. Some like the very amiable **SLR** crew, prove to be very entertaining, but it could do with an extra mike in the studio, so we can more readily enjoy the banta.

If there is a good time to have an equipment breakdown, no has to be the time, as it allows the units to go into the repair show, while I take the family off to sunnier climes, and it has at least allowed me to enjoy the delights of my long neglected **Fischer Z** albums. I'll be back in time to make it up to **Blackpool**, so the next **London** survey will cover the first weekend in October. Hope to see you there.

Among those on-air this weekend were **London Greek Radio** (88.35), 'The Arab' (89.7 - stereo), **RJR** (90.0), **Rock-to-Rock** (90.25), **WLIB** (90.9), **Sky FM** (91.8), **Studio FM** (92.65), **City Radio** (94.5), **Greek Radio for London** (96.2), **Strong Island Radio** (96.9), **Joy FM** (97.85), **WNK** (102.9), **JBC** (104.3 - stereo), **Tropical Radio** (105.15) and **Radio Sarah** (105.4).

More excellent anecdotes from **Sid** in four weeks time - post willing!

LONDON UP-DATE. Although not apparent early on in the weekend, the DoTI Men were back in action this past

week, this time getting some overtime in on Sunday (4th September). In Essex, **Stomp FM** (105.4) were raided at 11:00 that day. Also on the Essex side of the city, **Rock-FM** (94.3) disappeared from the air at around mid-day, and although they were noted when checked around 20:00, they had disappeared again by 21:30, perhaps as a precaution. Later in the afternoon, **Studio FM** (92.7) were noted to have also gone off the air, and **Passion Radio** (90.7) were not heard at all. The Asian station **Brittania Radio** is now understood to be on 102.2MHz. This, along with **SLR** (102.2), **Radio Jennifer** (102.15) and **TKO** (102.4), is making this section, another of the crowded areas of the band. By Thursday night (8th) several of the 'big' stations were missing again, including **London Greek Radio**, **Rock-to-Rock**, **Passion Radio** and **LWR**. There was also no sign of **TKO**, but we are unsure as to whether this station has reverted to a weekend only operation. On Friday morning (9th), **KISS FM** (94.0) and **Studio FM** (92.7) had both commenced their weekend broadcasts. Finally, 'Oldies' **Hits FM** were reported to have moved frequency to 98.1MHz. This spot has been vacant for several week, except for the Carnival, when it was used by the **Dread Broadcasting Company**. We wonder what ever happened to **Traffic Jam Radio**, who used this slot with almost no breaks for well over a year, and never seemed to suffer at the hands of the DoTI Men. Perhaps they were cleared out in one enormous raid - does anyone have any ideas?

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Sunday 4th September 1988.

6205kHz...**RADIO FAX**, at 08:35gmt.

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 07:00gmt.

6231kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 10:58gmt.

6235kHz...**UNID.**(German), at 08:35gmt.

6256kHz...**RTR INTERNATIONAL**, at 10:31gmt.

6265kHz...**RADIO DEEJAY**, at 09:01gmt.

6270kHz...**RADIO SCOTLAND**, at 09:32gmt.

6275kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:41gmt.

6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:26gmt.

6285kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 08:40gmt.

6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:35gmt.

6313kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:59gmt.

6310kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 10:17gmt.

6318kHz...**STAR INTERNATIONAL**, at 08:25gmt.

6318kHz...**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 10:27gmt.

6630kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:00gmt.

6805kHz...**RADIO NEW WAVE**, at 11:40gmt.

6815kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 10:25gmt.

7315kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:21gmt.

7375kHz...**RADIO DEEJAY**, at 08:33gmt.

7375kHz...**RADIO LUCE**, at 10:22gmt.

7440kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 08:37gmt.

Conditions today were fair, with the French stations being particularly strong in our location (Leeds this week), and also audible without fades, most of the morning. Thanks to loggers this week in the Midlands. (The postal dispute has meant that no written logs have arrived as yet).

Congratulations must go to whoever put together the continuous music tape for the 'warm up' hour on 6231kHz (10:00-11:00). It consisted of early 70's Dutch music from **Golden Earring**, **Earth and Fire**, **Focus** and other lesser known bands whom were aired on **Radios Veronica**, **North Sea**, **MiAmigo** and **Atlantis** during this era. It was certainly nice to hear it all again, and we wish we had few of the records in our collection! A nice bit of nostalgia.

RTR International continued to put out programmes by well known voices this week, as **Steve Conway** was noted mid-morning (fellow **Caroline** jock **Mike Dixon** was on the air last week).

Radio Orion were actually operating two separate services at the same time, on 6299 and 6630kHz. The music format was different on each frequency.

As well as **Radio Dublin** not being heard again today (they have not been monitored on shortwave for several weeks), **Radio 101** were also notable by their absence on 7295, after several weeks of very good signals on this channel.

Although we believe that the station on 7375 was **Radio DeeJay**, we heard many clear identifications, and they all sounded as though the presenter was saying 'Radio **DeeGee**' and not **DeeJay**. Perhaps the operator's accent gives us this impression. Has anyone else also noted this discrepancy?

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The WEEKLY
REPORT **ANORAKS**
The First with the News in Print
 No. 228.....17th September 1988. P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

We hope that WR 228 will be received on time by everyone, following the end of the postal dispute in most areas, at the beginning of this week. As for WR's 226 and 227, we can only guess as to when they will pop through your letterbox. It will be no mean feat to sort out the millions of letters which have gathered in the sorting offices over the past few days. The last two reports were posted on time, (a Saturday morning), but have remained in our local Post Office until a couple of days ago. Goods ordered from us just prior to the postal delays will be posted during the next few days, when we feel that there is less chance of them going astray. Perhaps we can finally return to normal next week. (It appears as though some areas will still be having problems however, due to local disputes, and these include Liverpool, Manchester and Hull. So if your mail has to pass through any of these areas, then it may well still suffer from delays.)

With only a week to go before Communicate 88, we are extremely busy here getting everything organised. Due to there being no time left to post badges of entry to you, we will be accepting payment on the door (£10 per head or free for children of 12 or under), and you will receive your badge of entry at this time. You must keep hold of the badge, as if you leave the hall for any reason, you must show it on the the door, in order to re-enter the convention. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day.

The IBA seems to have broken the current silence on the community radio front in the U.K., by proposing to the government that they license 20 stations. The idea is that the stations are set up and run by individuals (or some of the groups who previously applied for licenses), but the IBA would keep an eye on how they were going. It appears as though they also would like any licenses to be also available to current ILR stations as well as community groups. Is this just another white elephant, or are the IBA attempting to save their own necks, knowing that they may well be soon disbanded. Are there any shelves left available in the radio legislation section of Whitehall?

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THE DATA PROTECTION ACT of 1984 says we must inform you that all names and addresses are stored on computer, simply to ease the tremendous task of addressing envelopes each week. You may request to have your details removed and we will oblige but must add that in doing so, we cannot guarantee that our fast 'return of post' service will apply.

"COMMUNICATE '88" is to be held on, Saturday 24th September 1988, in Blackpool. The convention, which will be held in the Spanish Hall at the Winter Gardens, just behind

the famous Blackpool Tower, will feature on-stage interviews with free radio personalities both past and present, videos, displays, and stalls for you to view the many items of memorabilia available from several alternative radio organisations. For those with family responsibilities, you can take a break from the radio side of things as darkness sets in, with a trip along the promenade to view over 4 miles of light displays which form part of the fantastic Blackpool Illuminations. If the weather is not conducive to a long walk, then why not take a tram for its entire length. All in all, it should be great get together for free radio enthusiasts, so hope to see you there. Payment can be made on the door, at £10 per head. (Children of 12 or under are admitted free.) If you find yourself a little lost in the town, just head for The Tower. The Winter Gardens can be seen by looking inland from the promenade, up the road / pedestrian precinct, between The Tower and the large Lewis's store on it's left. Otherwise ask a policeman or any local resident (if you can find one!) for directions.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing again this week. Offshore Echo's No. 72 arrived just before the postal dispute, and we have plenty in stock. This excellent A5 magazine has masses of photographs to illustrate the many stories and articles in its 64 pages. The price is just £2.00, which includes postage and packing.

NEW ARRIVALS. Still no new reading matter for this week, but no doubt we will be inundated during the coming few days.

TAPE OFFER. For a change, we decided to look into the archives and have a listen to some of the older English land-based stations which operated during the late 1970's and early 1980's. At this time, most free radio stations operated as a hobby, on a Sunday only, and with low power on medium wave - this was before 24 hour operations and low cost, high powered FM transmitters were even dreamed of! **Radio Floss** is our choice for Tape SP-15. This station was on the air for several years on 1350kHz. medium wave, broadcasting to the North West London area, playing a mixture of pop and rock music. Tim Allen opens the station up, and is your host for this mid-morning show. Tim will be remembered by Radio Caroline listeners, as he was part of the line-up on board the Ross Revenge at the time the mast fell overboard in November 1987. Still sounding good in his earlier days, this particular recording was made quite close to the transmission site during January 1983. Price for this C-90 cassette is just £2.00, including postage and packing.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. Early on this week, we heard that the members were about to be picked, who

are to sit on the committee which will eventually decide who receives the licenses to operate commercial radio stations under the new legislation. At the time of printing we have no further facts, but no doubt it will be well reported in the Irish press, and we can inform you as soon as we hear of these important decisions.

Co. DUBLIN. Despite the impending legislation, there is plenty of action in the Capital this week. In the last report we mentioned a new station called **Hope FM** was testing on 104.4MHz., which announced programmes for this week. Due to poor FM conditions early in the week, we were unable to hear the opening programmes, but did manage to listen on a later morning, and indeed full programming was in effect. Greg was hosting the 'Hope FM Good Morning Breakfast Show' until 10:00. The current weekday line-up is believed to be... 08:00 Greg Edwards... 10:00 Paul Seeber(?)... 14:00 Finton(?)... 19.00 Gary Marshall. The on-hour promotion, was for prospective advertisers. No news was heard, but plenty of traffic news was featured, courtesy of Agency Cabs. A telephone competition was held, with the first caller to give the phrase 'Hope FM is the newest voice of Dublin', winning a prize. The station telephone number is announced as 791251, but no address has yet been heard. The music policy of the station does appear to be more A.O.R. orientated than some of the other Dublin stations, as was promised during the tests. A section called 'Voices of Dublin' is aired twice daily, first at 11:15. This consists of Dublin citizens briefly giving their opinions on a different topic each day.

On Saturday (10th), we monitored yet another new station coming from the Dublin area, this time on 1242kHz. medium wave. This particular signal had been baffling us for some time. A carrier had been on and off the air for many months, only on a weekend, and caused a severe hum to the Merseyside free radio station Radio Merseywaves. For security reasons, Radio Merseywaves was off the air last weekend, which made it possible for us to listen and identify this new operation, which was calling itself **More Music Radio**. Saturday saw just a blank carrier during the afternoon, but continuous music was noted on Sunday afternoon, and the following messages were heard being given out.... "Thank you for listening to us. This is a test broadcast on 1242kHz AM.... Testing on 1242kHz. AM, good afternoon, Derek Kelly's my name. We're playing all hit music on all hit radio, coming your way next weekend on 1242 AM / 242 medium wave and 98.8 FM. Don't forget if you would like to write to us, it is very simple, it's **More Music Radio**, Dalkey Avenue, Dublin.... Don't forget if you would like to drop us a line with a reception report, it is very simple. It's **More Music Radio**, Dalkey Avenue, Dublin, in the Republic of Ireland. 1242kHz. AM, 98.4 and 98.8 FM - coming your way next weekend." No doubt Radio Merseywaves will block their signal next week, so we await reports from Dublin.

Illegal Broadcasting.

50. **Mr. R. Bruton** asked the Minister for Communications when he last took action to seize equipment or prosecute stations broadcasting illegally; the principles he applies in deciding the stations to proceed against; and the way in which he plans to handle the transition from illegal to licensed broadcasting.

Mr. R. Burke: The last occasion on which my Department carried out a search and seize operation under the Wireless Telegraphy Acts was on 29 October 1987. The operator of the station in question was prosecuted on 23 May 1988.

All illegal broadcasting stations are liable to be seized and their operators prosecuted at any time. However, the inadequacy of existing law to deal with the situation has limited the extent to which my Department can deal effectively with the problem. Thus in present circumstances, and pending enactment of the Broadcasting and Wireless Telegraphy Bill, 1987, the primary criterion in determining whether the existing powers — inadequate as they may be — will be used relates to whether a particular station is causing interference to other licensed radio communications services, particularly emergency or safety of life services. In the case of the station which was most recently raided, it had been causing persistent and continuous interference to BBC radio and ignored repeated warnings from my Department in the matter.

My position on the closing down of illegal stations following the enactment of the new Radio and Television Bill and the Broadcasting and Wireless Tel-

egraphy Bill was set out in the closing speech on the Second Stage debate on those Bills.

Mr. R. Bruton: Can the Minister tell us whether under the new legislation it will be an offence to supply services to these stations and whether *de facto* they will have to close as and from the date of the passage of the legislation?

Mr. R. Burke: Under the new legislation it will be an offence to supply services to these stations and it will be an offence to advertise on these stations and that is the most effective penalty of all. I hope this Bill will pass through this House very shortly with the co-operation of all sides of the House.

Mr. R. Bruton: Will these stations have to close before the contracts for the alternative stations are issued?

Mr. R. Burke: As I said in my reply on Second Stage debate on the Broadcasting and Wireless Telegraphy Bill, 1987 this is a thorny problem and while we would wish to avoid any hiatus this may be the price which will have to be paid to get the legal stations on the air. Following enactment of the Broadcasting and Wireless Telegraphy Bill, we will allow a certain period of time before it takes effect to enable the illegal stations to voluntarily get off the air and we will then proceed to implement the Bill in full. In fact, the task may not be that difficult. Since it will be an offence to advertise on a pirate radio station, we may find that the funds of many of these pirate stations will dry up and they will automatically be forced out of business.

Unlicensed Wireless Telegraphy Apparatus.

14. **Mr. Kelly** asked the Minister for Communications (a) 'the number of occasions since 31 March 1987 on which search for and/or seizure of unlicensed wireless telegraphy apparatus has been officially carried out; and in each case, the name of the person or company on whose premises such search and/or seizure has taken place and (b) the number of occasions in the same period on which prosecutions have been brought for the unlicensed possession or use of wireless telegraphy apparatus; and if in each case, the name of the defendant.

Minister for Communications (Mr. R. Burke): Since 31 March 1987 my Department has carried out seven searches under the Wireless Telegraphy Acts for unlicensed apparatus for wireless telegraphy. Equipment was seized on 4 occasions.

Unlicensed apparatus for wireless telegraphy was seized from the premises of Mr. Eobhain McDonnell in Drogheda on 15 April 1987 and from the premises of Mr. T. C. G. O'Mahoney in Merrion Square, Dublin on 29 October 1987. A premises in Cork believed to be a site of an illegal rebroadcasting system was searched on three occasions on 16 September, 21 October and 4 November 1987. Equipment was seized but following testing in my Department it was found not to be apparatus for wireless telegraphy. As no illegal activity has been proved in this case, I do not propose to reveal the name of the owner of the premises. There were two seizures of equipment which was part of an illegal rebroadcasting system serving Roscrea in County Tipperary. There was insufficient evidence obtained to prosecute. Again, I do not propose to reveal the name of the suspected operator.

Over the same period seven prosecutions have been brought for possession of unlicensed apparatus for wireless telegraphy. These are as follows:

Date of Place of Hearing	Defendant
1. 28 April 1987 in Limerick	Michael Normoyle
2. 18 June 1987 in Newbridge	Noel O'Brien
3. 8 July, 1987 in Naas	Enda O'Bracken
4. 7 October 1987 in Dublin	D.C.R. Media Services Ltd., trading as KISS F.M.
5. 12 January 1988 in Cappawhite	Starbust Ltd., and James Buckley
6. 15 April 1988 in Drogheda	Eobhain McDonnell
7. 23 May 1988 in Dublin	T.C.G. O'Mahony

***** The adjacent two pieces came from the Dail written and oral answers of 1st June 1988. We thought the contents would be of interest to our readers. *****

Co. KILDARE. An FM lift here on Thursday (15th) brought in **Kildare Community Radio** for the first time in Blackpool, on 103.5MHz. We presume this to be the former KLB Radio which used this channel, as well as 1224kHz. medium wave (the latter now no longer in use). A new telephone number was being announced of (045) 32161.

Finally in Ireland we return to the competitive market of Dublin, where Super Q 102 are currently running a phone in competition, giving away tickets to the 'Bop Shop Ball'. The 75th caller (which doesn't seem a problem) to the station wins tickets to this night out featuring 50's / 60's music.

OFF-SHORE RADIO STATIONS. The cutting re-printed below has generated much speculation this week, and appeared

EXPERIENCED RADIO PRESENTERS

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House, Portman Square,
London W1H 0JH.

in The Guardian newspaper on Monday, 12th September. We have no further information on the station at all, but reliable sources inform us that even Roy Lindau knows nothing about the venture at all. This would seem probable, as any organisation advertising for staff for an offshore

radio station, would be unlikely to give a specific name, and certainly not blatantly advertise an address in the U.K., which will be investigated immediately by the authorities. Besides this, it is doubtful whether FM broadcasting from a ship moored so far off the coast would generate a saleable signal. Perhaps it is all an elaborate wind-up? We await further developments.

RADIO NEWYORK INTERNATIONAL. Word reaches us that the m.v Sarah, home of Radio NewYork International for a few days in July 1987, has finally successfully put out to sea. We understand that it is currently anchored off Long Island once more, and that the staff on board hope to have the station on the air once more within 30 days. Readers will remember that after only a few days of tests, the vessel was boarded by the U.S. Coast Guards, the staff arrested and the ship brought in. The m.v. Sarah has been undergoing repairs near Boston, Massachusetts recently, and was stopped going out to sea several weeks ago on a technicality. However all now seems to be going ahead, so DX-ers should look out for tests in the coming weeks on 1620kHz., 103.2MHz and 6240kHz. We assume that the same frequencies will be in operation as previously. With Winter approaching, it is likely that the medium wave outlet on 1620kHz, which is an unused channel in Europe (part of the U.S. extension to the medium wave band), will skip across to us.

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. A quiet week compared to last time, with the station remaining on the air regularly, despite the high winds and heavy seas which must be playing havoc with the aerial system. The shortwave outlet seems to have suffered somewhat these past few days, with late starts, and at least one day when we could not monitor it at all. At the time of writing (Friday lunchtime) it is however putting out a good signal, with World Mission Radio music programmes being aired. On Radio Caroline things seem to have remained steady this week with regard to staff, with Ian Mack commencing programming for the evening at the regular 18:30. News headlines and main bulletins continue in the early evening to be read by Judy Murphy. We forgot to mention last time, that the station is now giving out an address once more, which is the same as the Dutch service... P.O. Box 146, Playa de Aro, Gerona, Spain. A couple of people report hearing test tones on 819kHz. last night (Thursday 15th), and suggest that they may well be from the Ross Revenge. We have no further reports regarding the new aerial system, and so cannot comment on these tones. The last time we heard from anyone in the organisation, it was felt that it would be a long time before two services would be possible. However, things could be read into the fact that there are three engineers and Fergy (who used to climb the old tower to do repairs) on board at the moment. Part of the new tower is also believed to be on the vessel. We will certainly keep our ears glued to 819kHz. With BBC Radio Gloucester testing on 603kHz., 819 probably won't remain a clear channel for very much longer.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. The DoTI Men are currently out on a tour of the provinces. First to be visited was Birmingham, where three stations were raided a number of times during the first week of September. They then

turned their sights to Nottingham, where HCR had a couple of scares early on this week, but managed to escape. Where they will visit next is anyone's guess, but they are certainly heading North. Raids in London during this period have been minimal, suggesting a central core of 'officials' from the capital, who, on arriving in another area, join up with the 'local lads' in order to carry out raids. An interesting point raised, was that unlike the past few months, when raids have occurred early in the morning and late at night, the last few have all been during daytime hours, and also during the week - perhaps the money is running out rapidly after the purges of the past six months, and overtime has been cut?

MERSEYSIDE. Despite hoping to be back on the air over the weekend of 9th -12th September, Radio Merseywaves failed to appear. We assume that they are staying off for the same reason as before, that is security. Despite them being off the air, it was both to our and their advantage, as the low frequency 'hum' which has plagued their signal at our location in recent months, appeared on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. On Saturday we only heard a blank carrier, but Sunday brought continuous music on 1242kHz. After listening for a while, the station finally identified as More Music Radio - the mystery of the year solved at last! More Music Radio was giving out an address in Dalkey Road, Dublin, Eire, as well as two FM frequencies of 98.4 and 98.8MHz. More details about this one in the Dublin section.

Storton Community Radio (1026kHz) also failed to appear last Saturday, and again on Sunday morning (11th). However towards mid-day we noted an extremely strong carrier on 1026kHz., and monitoring a little later found the regular country music show from S.C.R. in progress. Later in the afternoon, apologies were given out over the air, for the lack of programmes the previous day, which were due to managerial problems. As a result of the lost hours, the station hoped to be on the air, on Monday instead. However, we kept checking throughout the day, and could hear nothing. Once again it was Radio Atlantis (1197) who were the lone operators for a full weekend schedule. Both signal and audio quality remained as good as ever.

A station was noted on 104.9MHz. during Saturday afternoon (10th), with a female presenter. The signal was fair, and although we heard no identification, it was believed to be North Coast Radio. There were reception problems, due to the high pressure system bringing in several continental stations on and around this frequency.

Believe it or not, whilst tuning through the band late on Monday afternoon (12th), what should we come across, but a test transmission from Radio Merseywaves on 105.55MHz. Merseywaves began broadcasting on FM several years ago, but has concentrated on medium wave recently, with just the occasional relay on FM over holiday periods. The signal was very strong, but there was too much audio going into the transmitter as it was distorted, and disappearing altogether on very loud passages. 1242kHz was also announced once, but was not heard by us at this time, and presumed not to be on air. Reception reports were being requested for this new mode of operation, at the usual address of 126 Curlew Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside.

No further transmissions were noted by us from this area until Friday morning at 10:00, when Rick Dane signed Radio Atlantis (1197) on for the day, with 'all hit music' until 10pm. Despite checking all week, there were no carriers on 1242kHz., and once again no sign of Radio Merseywaves beginning its weekend broadcast on Friday. The FM frequency of 105.5MHz was also checked, but nothing was apparent on there either. All in all, one of the quietest weeks for a long time on the Merseyside free radio front.

MANCHESTER / CHESHIRE. Again, things are quiet here, following the raids of a few weeks ago. Just the two regular black community stations have been on the air dial, although even these have been intermittent at times. WBLS (102.4) has apparently been most regular, and still has a good signal which can usually be received here in Blackpool. Laser 103.5 (103.55) is probably more community orientated than WBLS, but of lower power, and has not been on as regularly as it used to be. Elsewhere, Outlook can still be heard with its religious programming on 96.3MHz. Their exact schedule is not known at present, but look out after 20:00, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as these were the times they broadcast in the past.

LONDON. A shortened London report for the next few weeks due to Sid being on holiday, which this week, has been compiled with the help of Alan, who lives to the North East of London. Beginning with last weekend (9th to 12th September), most stations were monitored on the air, the exceptions being Rock-to-Rock, Passion Radio and LWR. TKO (102.4) now appear to have called it a day as regard a full 7 day / 24 hour schedule, and have reverted to a weekend only schedule. For the past two weeks they were noted on Saturday and Sunday, but were off for the period Monday to Friday. Also on the air for their regular weekend shows were Southside Radio (102.1), Radio Jennifer (102.2), Joy FM (97.9), KISS-FM (94.0 - stereo) and Solar 93 (93.0). The Essex station Stomp-FM (105.4) which was reported raided two weeks ago, also returned to the air last weekend, with a colossal stereo signal. Rock-FM (94.3) continued with its Sunday only schedule, with one of its presenters, Arthur Burton also being heard on 'Oldies' Hits FM, who themselves have now moved down to 98.1MHz., in the absence of Traffic Jam Radio. Now calling themselves Hits 98 FM they run a schedule from mid-day until mid-night on a Sunday. 'New Hits FM' (98.4) continues with its two hour loop tapes seven days per week, but is still suffering interference to its fringe areas by BBC Radio 1, who operate to the Midlands on this channel.

A scan through the band by Alan on Thursday evening saw the return of Passion Radio (90.7) to the air. However, Rock-to-Rock was still missing, and LWR had also not been monitored all week. The following stations were noted to the North East of London... London Greek Radio (88.4)... Sunrise Radio (88.8)... 'The Arab' (89.8)... RJR (90.0)... Passion Radio (90.7)... WLIB (91.0)... Sky FM (91.7)... City Radio (94.6)... Greek Radio for London (96.1)... 'New' Hits FM (98.4)... WNK (102.8) and Greek Community Radio (104.4). Friday morning (16th) saw the commencement of weekend broadcasts from Studio FM (92.8), but at the time of printing KISS-FM, Solar 93 and TKO have not switched on.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Plenty of activity has been noted in South Yorkshire, starting off last Saturday (10th) with the surprise return of Z-FM who haven't been on the air since a year last August. They appeared with test transmission on 102.4MHz., in stereo, and with excellent audio. Programmes were heard between 15:00 and 18:00 that afternoon, and more tests were understood to have been made on Thursday morning from 10:00 until 12:00. Sunday night (11th) also saw an unidentified station on 105.35MHz., at around 20:00. Although identifications were given, our correspondent could make then out due to a weak signal in his area. Regulars Rebel Radio (105.4) and Village Radio (105.2) were both heard on Monday evening. Village Radio also transmitted on Friday (9th), and Tuesday (13th) between 23:00 and 24:00, and made test on Sunday afternoon.

Up in Leeds, Rapid Radio (98.1) have been on continuously since Friday (9th), with a strong signal. Audio was at first a little distorted, but this is gradually being sorted out. Some of the presenters include The Fox, Professor Trickster, Sister B, Doctor Love, and The Godfather. Sunday afternoon saw an unusual programme in the form of a run-down of the 'reggae top 20'. Although the transmitter is left on all the time, there are generally no programmes between around 01:00 and 07:00 each day, with at this time, just a blank carrier evident. ABC-FM (105.1) and Peoples-FM (104.7) have both been heard daily, as has Music City Radio (104.9) which has been heard here in Blackpool with a good signal on occasions.

THE MIDLANDS. This was the area for DTI activity during the week of 5th to 9th September. We reported last time, that both Enterprise FM and Radio P.C.R.L. had both gone off the air briefly, during the early part of the week. By Friday morning (9th), all stations were operating as normal, except Powerhouse Radio who went off early on Thursday night (8th), and returned later on Friday afternoon. By early Friday afternoon, all the 24 hour stations, Enterprise FM (91.9), Radio P.C.R.L. (103.5) and KISS-FM (105.5) had all been raided, and were off the air. As usual, both Enterprise and P.C.R.L. were back on fairly quickly, but KISS-FM remained off the air throughout the weekend and were still off the air on Thursday (15th). According to some of the banta heard on the air, both Enterprise and P.C.R.L. were raided twice in the week, on Wednesday and Friday. One of the presenters on Enterprise was heard complaining that although Powerhouse Radio (105.1) was also a seve day

operator, they had not been touched. Perhaps PHR went off on Thursday evening as a precaution because of the DTI. There has certainly been a lot of activity by the DoTI men in this area recently, and we wonder whether the arrival of a third, full time operator, KISS-FM, has upset the applectart, and caused the 'Men from the Ministry' to come out on the road.

Elsewhere in the area, Fresh-FM (95.05) were on the air last weekend, and Rapid Radio (105.8) were operating on Sunday night (11th). Two unidentified transmissions were also noted last Sunday night. Firstly, Voice of Peace programmes from Tim Shepherd were heard on 105.7MHz., and later that night on 105.6MHz., continuous 'Top Forty' music was aired.

NOTTINGHAM. After the DoTI Men had struck Birmingham's three 24 hour operations, they carried on touring further North, and arrived in Nottingham during the early part of the week. Heatwave Community Radio (104.9) went off the air at 08:30 on Monday morning (13th), when suspicious people were spotted in the area. They returned later that day at Midnight. At the weekend, two new presenters had joined Heatwave Community Radio, they being 'The Temptress' and 'One Step Ahead'. On Wednesday afternoon (14th), during only his second show, 'One Step Ahead' was cut short, when both audio and signal left the air. The same suspicious men as Monday, were seen in the vicinity. H.C.R. did not return at all on Wednesday, and were still off on Thursday morning. However, they hoped to be back on the air at 15:00, Thursday, as things had cooled down a bit.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Sunday 11th September 1988.

6198kHz...RTR INTERNATIONAL, at 10:16gmt.
6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 08:45gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:38gmt.
6225kHz...RADIO NEW WORLD, at 08:50gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO RIDICULOUS INT., at 09:15gmt.
6231kHz...UNID., at 09:40gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:22gmt.
6240kHz...TOWER 41, at 09:00gmt.
6273kHz...RADIO RIDICULOUS INT., at 09:18gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO PANDORA INT., at 09:56gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:30gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ANDREA INT., at 12:14gmt.
6285kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:59gmt.
6285kHz...CRUISIN / W.L.R., at 11:25gmt.
6300kHz...RADIO USA 5000, AT 08:25gmt.
6300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:50gmt.
6300kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:06gmt.
6305kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 08:56gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11:05gmt.
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6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:05gmt.
6630kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:21gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:08gmt.
7315kHz...UNID., at 09:03gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:05gmt.

Conditions today were not too good in our area, with all signals being quite weak, with very little being heard from the Irish Republic, and reception conditions from France being particularly good once again. Thanks to correspondents in the Midlands and Cheshire, who, despite the continuing postage dispute, managed to get some logs to us.

The W.L.R. programme put out on 6231kHz was a repeat of the one from last week, as the current tape had not arrived at the studio. W.L.R. and Crusin Solid Gold did a joint 'live' broadcast on 6285 and later 6317kHz, with deejay Kenny King being heard. This was presumably to make up for the lack of shows on the usual 6231kHz outlet.

Radio USA 5000 was believed to be transmitted via W.F.R.L., prior to the commencement of their own programming.

Gary St. John was heard before and after the Crusin / Stella programmes on 6318kHz., with a selection of music.

Finally this week, due to continuing action by workers at the Blackpool sorting office, this report will probably be posted in a different town. This will at least enable those subscribers living in areas un-affected by the dispute, to receive Weekly Report on time.

The WEEKLY

REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 229....24th September 1988.

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

Welcome to 'Communicate 88'. We look forward to meeting as many readers as possible today. For those of you who have been unable to attend, full details of the days events, will be in next weeks report. Also, a 'Communicate 88' souvenir package will be on sale to everyone in about a months time.

With the postal dispute finally over (we believe), all back copies of 'Weekly Report' should now have reached you. Several readers actually received the last three issues on the same day! Posting No. 228 in Leeds seemed to be a success, as most arrived within a couple of days. (The boxes were still sealed at that time, here in Blackpool.)

Mike Barrington, one of the dedicated engineers on off-shore radio projects, was involved in a serious accident last weekend. He was doing a small welding job on 'Sealand', when a gas bottle exploded giving him serious burns. More about this nasty accident, including a newspaper article, on the back page of this report.

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THE DATA PROTECTION ACT of 1984 says we must inform you that all names and addresses are stored on computer, simply to ease the tremendous task of addressing envelopes each week. You may request to have your details removed and we will oblige but must add that in doing so, we cannot guarantee that our fast 'return of post' service will apply.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Monitor 37 will hopefully be available as of today, 24th September, priced at £2.00. We are also hopeful that **Wavelength Issue 23** will also be available from today, priced at 90p. A full review of both magazines will be included in the next report.

NEW ARRIVALS. With the mail finally getting through, plenty of publications arrived on the desk during the first four days of this week. The first piece of reading matter to arrive following the postal dispute was **Radiotelex Issue 132**. This four page booklet lists all the short wave free radio logs between 15th and 28th August 1988. Also included are items of news and information about various shortwave stations on the air within that period. For more information on this two-weekly publication, is R.T., c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany.... From the World DX Club comes the September edition of **Contact**. There are 34 pages in this A4 magazine, which has plenty of

involvement from its readers in the form of letters, information and logs. All types of radio, both legal and alternative are discussed in this monthly publication. For a sample copy, and details about joining the WDXC, send 70p to : Arthur Ward, 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY... Now Radio Issue No. 75 arrived this week and as usual contains news, comments and features about all aspects of radio in its 24, A5 pages. More details about how to obtain this weekly magazine can be had from : P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW... From Holland, **Freewave Magazine** Number 167, has 24 pages about off-shore, land-based and even satellite radio. Both up-to-date news and features on past presenters and stations is included. More details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands.... Finally this week, an interesting couple of A4 size magazines under the title the **International Listening Guide** arrived from West Germany. Firstly was 'The World Frequency Survey', which has 72 pages listing frequency by frequency, all H.F. broadcasting stations, along with power, times and languages. This is £3.00 for a sample copy. The second publication, in 16 pages, lists all the English and French services, both home and external on the H.F. shortwave bands. This one costs £2.00. These two publications are very well researched and excellently layed out and printed. Subscription rates are £10 for one year, or £20 for two years. The address to write to for your copies is : ILG Editorial Office, P.O. Box 1112, D-3588 Homberg, West Germany.

TAPE OFFERS. Two specials this week for 'Communicate 88'. First off, **Tape SP-16** takes us back 22 years this week, to Tuesday 20th September 1966. On this day, **Radio Caroline North** broadcast live, the wedding of one of its deejays, Mick Luvzit, to Jane Teret (the sister of fellow deejay 'Ugli' Ray Teret. Tony Prince was on the air at the lead up to the wedding, which was late due to poor weather conditions delaying the arrival of the bride to the m.v. Fredericia. Don Allen takes over the programming, with mainly continuous music, after the ceremony, whilst everyone was elsewhere enjoying themselves. This 90 minute continuous recording costs just £2.00. Staying with **Radio Caroline North**, **Tape SP-17** features the final sixty minutes of the last Jerry 'Super' Leighton Breakfast Show, which was broadcast on Tuesday 8th August 1967. This was quite a lively show, and included many references to the impending legislation. The last 30 minutes of this C-90 cassette is filled with many of the promotions and discussions which went out over the air on Radio Caroline North during the Summer of 1967, with regard to the then forthcoming Marine Etc. Broadcasting Offences Act. Again, this cassette costs just £2.00. Both the above tapes are of good quality for the age of the recordings.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. A quiet week regarding the free radio stations in this country, with no new stations being heard by us this time. We still await confirmation as to whether the committee to hand out licenses in the new year has been chosen. As soon as we receive any cuttings on the subject, we will print them. We must thank all those who have kindly sent us newspaper clippings from Ireland. Daily newspapers from Eire are extremely difficult to obtain in most areas of the U.K., so we are grateful for any we

Court orders Tara pickets off mast site

By ANNE CADWALLADER

PROTESTORS objecting to the erection of the Radio Tara transmitter in Co. Meath to stop trespassing and picketting the site, and to end their obstruction of the building work.

Judge Kevin Lynch granted an interim injunction to next Wednesday to Radio Tara Ltd. and McInerney Contracting Ltd. Mr. Tom Quinn, secretary of Radio Tara, said that his company had suffered irreparable, damage and inconvenience.

Mr. Kieron Fleck, BL, for the plaintiffs, said there were a large number of highly organised protestors picketting the Radio Tara site at Clarkestown, Summerhill, Co. Meath. Planning permission for the mast had been granted by An Bord Pleanála after an oral hearing in July 1988.

Development of the site was to last 18 weeks and had been scheduled to begin last Monday but had been postponed. McInerney Contracting had been unable to

get to the land to begin building the transmitter.

The defendants were named as Mairead Guest, Michael Kenny, Michael Durkan, Sean Murphy, Theresa Enright and Paddy Daly, but these were only a few of those protesting, said Mr. Fleck.

Costs were reserved and permission was granted to inform the protestors as a group of the order.

receive. On the Radio Tara front, following the local residents action to attempt to stop work being carried out at the aerial site, the pickets have been ordered to move from the site. The cutting above, from the Irish Press of Wednesday

31st August, gives more details on the latest saga in the story of Radio Tara. What else can happen?

Co. DUBLIN. After the two new stations of last week, everything appears quiet this time. Although Radio Merseywaves were not on the air from Liverpool, we were unable to check as to whether More Music Radio actually came on the air with regular programmes last Saturday, as they promised the previous weekend. We did get chance to tune at around 17:45 that day (17th), and their transmitter was indeed on, but only relaying the programmes of Hope FM, the newest addition to the Dublin market, on 104.4MHz. The boss of Liberty 104, now known as Gold 104 had some uninvited visitors recently, as the cutting below from the Dublin Evening Herald tells us. No further reports on this assault on Sammy Prendergast have reached us.

Radio boss assaulted

GARDAI were hunting a three-man gang to day after the owner of one of Dublin's pirate radio stations was beaten up.

As yet gardai have not established the motive for the mysterious attack in the early hours of the morning at the Liberty Gold station in the heart of the city.

About 3.30 a.m. the gang struck at the offices of the pirate station at Weaver Square, near Cork Street.

They forced their way into the building and beat up owner, Sam Prendergast.

Elsewhere in Dublin, Bill Cunningham appears to be wandering the streets of the city with a £10,000 cheque in his back pocket, ready to hand to an unsuspecting member of the public who tells him they listen to Super Q-102. Q continued to give out free tickets to the 'Bop Shop Ball', to the 75th caller to the competitions.

CO. SLIGO. A letter from Chris tells us that the two stations in the town are plodding along nicely with little or no change from a year ago. The two stations are Sligo Radio and Power 97.

Co. LIMERICK. Several weeks ago we mentioned that Stuart Clark, currently of The Sound Channel had been taken seriously ill, and flown to the U.K for treatment. We understand that he soon recovered and was back in Limerick on the air.

ADVERT. Shay Brennan wishes to buy or swap radio station recordings. Please write with your lists to : 31 Finsbury Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14, Eire.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Due to printing early this week, we are a little down on U.K. information. However, the next issue will be back to six pages, and should have details from all areas once more.

MIDLANDS. The cutting printed below came from the

Is Whitehall Biased Against Black Radio Stations?

STUART WOODIN, community radio association development officer for London, says that he believes the Government is not merely repressive delaying legitimate stations while pursuing pirates but that it's significant that most of the stations that get raided are black ones.

The D.T.I. don't pay much attention to white run pirates, they have run out of excuses for denying community radio licence.

Now they are claiming that they fear these stations may use their power to broadcast militant and racist propaganda. Mr Cecil Morris, founder of Birmingham's most popular pirate station, P.C.R.L., told Clarendon News what they aim to do for the community. Not only does P.C.R.L. seek to promote black arts/musicians and so forth, but also seeks to mobilise the black community. For example, over the past 18 months, their achievements have included three children's parties, which attracted over 1,200 children; a Christmas dinner and dance for underprivileged children; a youth club/under 18s disco; donations to various charity funds publicising charity events—to name but a few. As mentioned previously, P.C.R.L. has also helped to promote

various musical artists.

Furthermore the station has now extended to provide the following: Religious Services, music programmes, health discussion, information on welfare and social services for the young and old, local news, self-help on various matters, cultural interests, discussions on ways of improving employment (choices), offering training facilities, for people interested in broadcasting, arts and crafts, books/theatre/poetry, film reviews, what's on in entertainment, further education and special attention to local talent in arts, fashion/beauty care, Asian programmes.

The above is indicative of a black radio station which offers an extensive choice of programmes for all members of the community—irrespective of their ethnic origin. Furthermore, to complement the diversities mentioned, the presenters chosen are also able to reflect the above.

Clarendon News of 2nd September 1988. An interesting article, and you can draw your own conclusions from its contents, as the particular newspaper it comes from is run by Cecil himself. On the radio scene there, Radio P.C.R.L. (103.5), Enterprise FM and Powerhouse Radio (105.1) have all been on the air daily. KISS-FM (105.5) returned last weekend, and has been on daily since. Fresh FM (95.0) were on last weekend, as was an unidentified Top 40 station on 105.6MHz.

MERSEYSIDE. No sign of Radio Merseywaves once again, but Storton Community Radio (1026) and Radio Atlantis (1197) both programmed as normal. ABC Radio (105.5) made a rare appearance on Wednesday night (21st), with an excellent signal. North Coast Radio (104.9) were heard last Sunday, but French stations were causing problems to their signal here in Blackpool. On Sunday (18th), a test was heard from a new station Merseyside Free Music on 105.3MHz. No contact address or number was given. Another unidentified station was noted on 105.4MHz., at around 17:00 that day.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. In Hull, Radio Takoradi (105.0) were back on the air last Saturday, between 16:00 and 19:00, and the transmitter did not cut out. In South Yorkshire, Rebel Radio did not appear this week due to theft of the equipment. Village Radio's all nighter last Friday went as planned between 22:00 and 07:30.

LONDON. Station heard this week include... LGR (88.4), BCCR (88.5), Sunrise (88.8, Euro-Jam (89.5), 'The Arab' (89.6), RJR (90.0), Passion (90.7), WLIB (91.0), Sky (91.7), LWR (92.1), Studio (92.8), Solar (93), CD/Starpont (93.2), KISS (94.0, RFM (94.3), City (94.6), GRL (96.1), Joy (97.9), New Hits (98.2), WNK (102.8), Star FM(103.0),Tropical (105.1) and Inner City Radio (105.7).

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. We left Radio Caroline last week with a Monday to Friday line-up of... 18:30 Ian Mack... 20:00 Rob Harrison... 23:00 Fergy McNeil... 01:00 Judy Murphy... 03:00 Paul Shilton. Mike watts made one of his rare appearances on Saturday (17th), between 21:00 and 23:00. Over the weekend of 17th-19th September, there was a crew change, during which Steve Conway was heard to host a programme on Sunday evening (18th), between 23:00 and 01:00. Although everyone thought that Steve had re-joined the line-up after a well earned rest (up until July, he had been on the Ross Revenge almost non-stop since the end of last year), it was in fact just a one-off programme as he visited the ship to see how things were going. Leaving at the same time as Steve, following his short visit, were Ian Mack, Judy Murphy and Fergy McNeil. Although Judy was only back on board for a couple of weeks, she had to come off due to other commitments, but hopes to return to the air shortly. Fergy also only planned to be on board for a short period. With Ian, Fergy and Judy gone, one of the Radio 558 Dutch presenters was brought in, to make a full nights broadcasting possible, and the line-up that Sunday evening (18th) became... 18:30 Rob Harrison... 20:00 Erwin van der Blieck... 23:00 Steve Conway... 01:00 Paul Shilton... 03:00 Andy Bradgate. Paul Shilton was also heard reading the news during that Sunday evening. As from Monday (19th), just four deejays were hosting programme, which again included Erwin. The news service has been shared between several of the staff this week, with Andy Bradgate doing the honours on Monday (19th), and engineer Mike Dundee on Tuesday evening. Andy apparently announced himself as Judy Murphy when reading the 19:00 bulletin. Mike has also been heard reading several of the news broadcasts on the International News on Radio 558. The line-up so far this week has been... 18:30 Rob Harrison... 22:00 Erwin van der Blieck... 00:00 Paul Shilton... 03:00 Andy Bradgate... 05:30 Johan Maasbach... 06:00-18:00 Radio 558.

The full address of both Radio Caroline and Radio 558, in Spanish, is : Apartado 146, 01752 Paya de Aro, Espana.

Across on Radio 558, Rudi writes us a long letter, and informs us that the following deejays have been heard on this Dutch service... Ad Roberts, Erwin van der Bliek, Fred van Amstel, Piet McKenzie (Flemish), Walter Simons, Frank Petersen, Wim van Egmond, Mirjam Verhoef (female), Rene de Nijs and Hans Dekkers (tape deejay - presents Billboard American Top 40 sponsored by Texas Shag and cigarettes). An English spot has been heard where letters are read out from listeners in the U.K. New Radio 558 commercials include : Coca-Cola Light, Sprite Lemon & Lime Drink, Fanta Orange Squash, Good News Line (of

Reverend van gent), Slim Line (to lose weight), Toshiba Telefax, Hans Vierkerk quality kitchens and sanitary fittings and weekend (a family magazine). Currently, a single record is being offered entitled "Radio 558 jingle - single". This contains all the radio 558 jingles, and the funniest commercials. The price for this is 10 Dutch Guilders, which has to be sent to the Radio 558 address. We would be interested to hear from anyone who has sent for a copy, and received it. Also offered, is the Radio Maeva Story on videocassette. This is advertised at 87 Dutch Guilders, and traces the history of the most popular Flemish free radio station. The address for this being Music Media International, Postbus 2010, 1200 CA Hilversum, The Netherlands.

On the engineering side of things, the storms last week brought down the shortwave aerial, which was the reason for the long off-air periods. This has since been repaired, and several new religious programmes have been noted on the World Mission Radio, 6215kHz service. Despite this small problem, and other hic-cups, things are currently looking well for all the services. All the sections of the new mast are now understood to be on board, and work will commence to erect it, as soon as suitable calm weather ensues, and back-up equipment is all ready. The mast is understood to be approximately 170 feet high, although exactly where it will be placed is and not yet known. It is most likely to be built in the same spot as the former tower, but time will tell what shape the new array will take. The main thing at the moment is however, that the parts are on board, and building plans are afoot.

Wednesday (21st) and Thursday (22nd) saw the shortwave service off the air again. Neither was it monitored here on Tuesday evening, although this could have been poor band conditions. It is not known whether the aerial system has fallen down once more.

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OTHER OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS. Several weeks ago we mentioned that an American firm had supplied a 10kW transmitter to a new offshore radio venture in Israel. The Kravitski twins inform us, along with some Voice of Peace news, about the current state of affairs with this new venture. The owners are understood to a religious group called "Gush Amunim", and the station is to be called "Hatsui". The ship to be used is 21 years old, and was originally from Greece. It is equipped with modern furniture, and is four times as big as the Peace Ship. The aerial was installed

Fort rescue after man badly burned

A MAN suffering from serious burns was recovering in Ipswich Hospital today after an air-sea rescue drama off the Suffolk coast.

The 30-year-old workman was flown to hospital by RAF rescue helicopter after an accident on the Roughs Tower, seven miles off Felixstowe.

The drama on the tower — which 'Prince' Roy Bates has turned into the mini-state of Sealand — began when workman John Dunkerton was hurt by a flashback from an acetylene cutter.

Roy Bates called coastguards saying the 30-year-old injured man needed immediate medical help because he was about to collapse.

Launched

The Harwich offshore lifeboat was launched with a

doctor on board, and an RAF Sea King rescue helicopter from Manston in Kent was also scrambled.

Dr. Brian Bartley was winched on to the tower's platform to treat the injured man before he was airlifted to Ipswich Hospital.

Felixstowe coastguards were sent to Ipswich to act as a communications link between the helicopter and the rescue co-ordinators.

The helicopter landed in the grounds of Copleston High School and the injured man, who comes from Windsor, was taken to hospital by ambulance just before 7 pm yesterday.

Today, he was said to be "comfortable." It is understood he suffered third degree burns to his fingers in the accident.

The Roughs Tower, originally built in 1942 as a look-out for German submarines and aircraft, has



● A member of Harwich lifeboat crew watches the helicopter hover over Sealand during the rescue. (Picture: Harwich RNLi crew).

regularly hit the headlines since being 'occupied' by Roy Bates and his wife Joan in 1966.

Mr. Bates, a former Army major, proclaimed himself the ruler of the mini-state of

'Sealand,' sparking unprecedented legal controversy and confusion.

Since then, the Bates family have been at the centre of a number of colourful incidents, including a short-

lived take-over in 1968 by 'foreign invaders.'

Roy Bates has considered a number of plans for Sealand, the most recent proposal be to broadcast a 24-hour TV channel.

EVENING STAR, Monday, September 19, 1988

in Haifa. Test transmissions were due to begin during the first week in September, with regular broadcasts to commence after the holidays next month. The owners apparently refuse to divulge any information about the transmitter or its future transmissions, so we await reports on the content of the actual broadcasts, along with the station's frequency, when the twins manage to find it on the dial.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Friday 26th August saw John MacDonald return to the ship, with Richard West having his turn on land. The tender actually arrived during Richard's show, resulting in Martin Murphy sitting in for the rest of the programme. This left the line-up as... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Brendan Mee... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Martin Murphy... 12:00 Kenny Page... 13:00 John MacDonald... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Martin Murphy... 22:00 Nrendan Mee. The following Friday, 2nd September, Richard West returned from his week on shore, to replace Martin Murphy, who went off on the same tender. The line-up for the second week in September was thus... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Brendan Mee... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Richard West... 13:00 John MacDonald... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Richard West... 22:00 Brendan Mee. Finally this time, Abie was to recommence his daily phone-ins on Sunday 4th September, following a break due to his tour of foreign lands.

m.v. COMMUNICATOR. Yes, the ship is still in the same position, on a mudbank at Mistley. The piece of information we have is regarding Mike Barrington, who has acting as caretaker on the vessel for a considerable time. Last weekend, Mike is understood to have been asked to do a small welding job on board Roughs Tower, more commonly known as 'Sealand', just off the coast from Harwich. We understand that whilst working, a gas bottle exploded, and Mike suffered severe burns. He had to be taken off the fort by helicopter, after a doctor has first been brought out on a lifeboat in order to have an initial look at his injuries. Mike is currently in hospital recovering. From ourselves and our subscribers we wish Mike a quick recovery from this nasty accident. (The newspaper clipping at the top of this page gives more details on the rescue.)

m.v. NANNELL. We had almost forgotten about this one, but Stuart, in Staffordshire informs us (also with photographs), that following a visit to Santander in Northern Spain, that the ship is still sat in the harbour, in the middle of the river. There are no apparent changes to its outward appearance since the last time we saw photographs of it, well over a year ago. The 300 foot telescopic mast (similar in structure to that on the m.v. Mi Amigo when she sank), is still at its lowest height, as it has been since it was originally installed, well over 2 years ago. Perhaps one day, the ship, and its substantial mast will finally be made use of!

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

With the postal situation finally getting resolved (albeit slowly), several written logs have arrived for previous weeks. Thanks to Podney (Cornwall), Stuart (Staffordshire, D.C. (Bedford), Andy (Humberside), David (Suffolk) and Neil West (The Midlands), for kindly supplying us with information this week.

Additions to 4th September log.

6245kHz...RADIO MI AMIGO, at 11:47gmt.
6275kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 09:41gmt.
6285kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:48gmt.

Log for Sunday 18th September 1988.

6198kHz...UNID., at 10:52gmt.
6204kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 08:10gmt.
6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 11:05gmt.
6209kHz...UNID., at 1051gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 00:01gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 08:15gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO 558, at 08:03gmt.
6225kHz...UNID., at 11:03gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:37gmt.
6245kHz...RADIO MI AMIGO, at 12:48gmt.
6265kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 08:17gmt.
6265kHz...RADIO DEEJAY, at 09:12gmt.
6266kHz...FREESOUND RADIO, at 10:27gmt.
6280kHz...4IFR, at 09:15gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO PANDORA, at 11:14gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 11:40gmt.
6300kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:42gmt.
6317kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:54gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 08:44gmt.
6318kHz...CRUISIN SOLID GOLD, at 11:17gmt.
6318kHz...W.L.R., at 12:39gmt.
6630kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:47gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11:13gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO SUSAN, at 09:32gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:28gmt.
7384kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 10:09gmt.

Reception conditions at our listening post today (just North West of Leeds), were particularly poor, as can be seen by the few logs in bold. Others, even elsewhere in Yorkshire had much better luck, and a considerable number of stations were heard.

At our location FRS Holland was obliterating Radio Fax (which was not logged until much later), during most of the early part of the morning, with a heterodyne noted later on.

We are more or less back to normal this week with the loggings, as the postal situation sorts itself out. One interesting thing of note, is the failure of programmes to appear on 6231kHz this weekend, presumably due to the tapes being stuck somewhere in the postal system.